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Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A tilt-latch for a sash window disposed within opposed guide rails on a master frame, the sash window comprises a top rail, a base and two stiles connected collectively together at their extremities, the tilt-latch adapted for releaseably securing the sash window to the master frame, the tilt-latch comprising:

a housing adapted to be supported by the top rail, the housing having an outward end opening;

a latch bolt disposed within the housing, the latch bolt having a nose adapted for engaging a respective one of the guide rails, the latch bolt further having an integral post extending from the latch bolt, the latch bolt having an extended position and a retracted position; and,

an actuator having a notch positioned substantially at a longitudinal mid-portion of the actuator, wherein the post is received in the notch and wherein only the nose extends past the outward end opening when the latch bolt is in the extended position.

2. (Original) The tilt-latch of claim 1 wherein the actuator has a control button extending from the actuator.

3. (Original) The tilt-latch of claim 2 further comprising a finger depending from a lower portion of the actuator, wherein the finger is positioned between the notch and the control button.

4. (Original) The tilt-latch of claim 1 further comprising a means for biasing the latch bolt through the outward end opening.

5. (Original) The tilt-latch of claim 4 wherein the biasing means comprises a spring.

6. (Currently amended) A tilt-latch for a sash window disposed within opposed guide rails on a master frame, the sash window comprises a top rail, a base and two stiles collectively connected together at their extremities, the tilt-latch adapted for releaseably securing the sash window to the master frame, the tilt-latch comprising:

a housing adapted to be supported by the top rail, the housing having an outward end opening;

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a latch bolt disposed within the housing, the latch bolt having a nose adapted for engaging a respective one of the guide rails, the latch bolt further having a post extending from the latch bolt, the latch bolt having an extended position and a retracted position; and,

an actuator having a notch positioned substantially at a longitudinal mid-portion of the actuator, wherein the post is received in the notch and wherein an angled portion of the nose is disposed within the housing when the latch bolt is in the extended position.

7. (Original) The tilt-latch of claim 6 wherein the actuator has a control button comprising a protrusion extending from the actuator.

8. (Original) The tilt-latch of claim 7 further comprising a finger depending from a lower portion of the actuator, wherein the finger is positioned between the notch and the control button.

9. (Original) The tilt-latch of claim 6 further comprising a means for biasing the latch bolt through the outward end opening.

10. (Original) The tilt-latch of claim 9 wherein the biasing means comprises a spring.

11-32. (Canceled)

33. (Currently Amended) A tilt-latch for a sash window disposed within opposed guide rails on a master frame, the sash window comprises a top rail, a base and two stiles collectively connected together at their extremities, the tilt-latch adapted for releaseably securing the sash window to the master frame, the tilt-latch comprising:

a housing adapted to be supported by the top rail, the housing having an outward end opening;

a latch bolt disposed within the housing, the latch bolt having a nose adapted for engaging a respective one of the guide rails, the nose having a beveled engaging surface, the latch bolt further having a post extending from the latch bolt, the latch bolt having an extended position and a retracted position; and,

an actuator having a notch positioned proximate a longitudinal mid-portion, wherein the post is received in the notch wherein only the beveled engaging surface of the nose extends past the outward end opening when the latch bolt is in the extended position.

34. (Currently Amended) A tilt-latch for a sash window disposed within opposed guide rails on a master frame, the sash window comprises a top rail, a base and two stiles collectively connected together at their extremities, the tilt-latch adapted for releaseably securing the sash window to the master frame, the tilt-latch comprising:

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a housing adapted to be supported by the top rail, the housing having an outward end opening;

a latch bolt disposed within the housing, the latch bolt having a nose adapted for engaging a respective one of the guide rails, the nose having a beveled engaging surface, the latch bolt further having a post extending from the latch bolt, the latch bolt having an extended position and a retracted position; and,

an actuator having a notch positioned proximate a longitudinal mid-portion, wherein the post is received in the notch wherein a portion of the beveled engaging surface of the nose is disposed within the housing when the latch bolt is in the extended position.

35. (Canceled)

36. (New) A tilt-latch for a sash window disposed within opposed guide rails on a master frame, the sash window comprises a top rail, a base and two stiles connected collectively together at their extremities, the tilt-latch adapted for releaseably securing the sash window to the master frame, the tilt-latch comprising:

a housing configured to be supported by the top rail, the housing having an outward end opening;

an actuator having a notch positioned proximate one of a longitudinal mid-portion of the actuator, and an end portion of the actuator;

a latch bolt disposed within the housing and being moveable between an extended position and a retracted position, the latch bolt having a nose adapted to engage one of the guide rails, the latch bolt further having a post that is received by the notch wherein the latch bolt can be selectively coupled with the actuator; and,

wherein the coupling of the latch bolt with the actuator having the notch proximate the mid-portion causes the nose to extend past the outward end opening a first distance when the latch bolt is in the extended position, and wherein the coupling of the latch bolt with the second actuator having the notch proximate the end portion causes the nose to extend past the outward end a second distance when the latch bolt is in the extended position, and wherein the first distance is less than the second distance.